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SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" May I know, Sir, the reason for the recruitment of such a small number of Collectors from the Harijan community?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not concede this is a small number. As I have already said, all these six persons are in the Collector's grade."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state what exactly is the percentage of Collectors from the Harijan community *versus* Backward Classes, Non-Brahman Hindus and Brahman Hindus?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Supply of textile goods to the Government departments.

* 46 Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether a representation, dated 20th November 1952, from the Madras Provincial Handloom Weavers' Congress, Nidubrolu, has been received by the Government requesting them to immediately convene a meeting of the Heads of all consuming departments of the Government to determine the varieties and quantities of textile goods, that can be produced by handlooms for consumption by those departments and if so, the action taken thereon by the Government?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration of the Government in consultation with the Heads of Departments concerned. After receipt of final reports, necessary action will be taken in the matter."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have placed any orders for the manufacture of textile goods required by the Government with the co-operatives?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said, the Government must first be aware of the quantity and the variety of cloth required by the Heads of Departments. Orders will be placed on receipt of that information."

Admission to the Government Medical Colleges.

8-40 a.m. * 47 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with regard to the admission to the Government Medical College in the year 1952—

(*a*) the number of Brahman candidates selected for admission;

(*b*) the number of Backward Class candidates selected by open competition and by reservation of seats respectively; and

(*c*) the number of Harijan candidates selected for admission by open competition and by reservation of seats?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) In view of the constitutional changes and judicial decisions, in the application forms

issued for 1952–53, no column was provided for the specification of the sub-community to which the candidates belonged. The candidates were required to state whether they belonged to the Backward or Scheduled Classes or not. Hence information regarding the number of Brahman candidates admitted to the medical colleges during 1952–53 is not available."

"(b) & (c) The number of Backward Class and Harijan students selected for admission during 1952–53 on merits and by reservation is as follows :—

	On merit.	By reservation.
Backward Class ..	36	64
Harijans	Nil.	33

All the qualified Harijans who applied have been admitted."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" What is the total number of candidates admitted to the medical colleges and what is the percentage of Backward Class candidates recruited by reservation? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The total number of candidates is 320. As regards percentage, the first 20 per cent is reserved for women; and after they are selected, 25 per cent of the seats is given to the Backward Classes by reservation."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Has there been a reservation for the women of the Backward Classes, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In addition to 20 per cent reserved for women, women are also admitted by merit."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Have all the 20 per cent of seats reserved for women been filled up? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" More than that, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" With regard to the selection of candidates for the Medical College, Madras, are Government taking the regional factor into consideration when selection is made, and although Malabar is a district and the Malayalees a separate nationality, why they are being ignored? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Selection is made on the basis of zones and the State is divided into four zones for this purpose and seats are reserved on the strength of the population in each zone."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" In view of the large number of applicants having been refused admission, Sir, will the Government be pleased to consider the opening of short-term courses of training? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Minister aware of the fact that during admissions, some of the forward Non-Brahman classes

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style themselves as Backward Classes for this purpose of admission, and thus sneak in and obtain more seats than are allotted to them?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no information; if any cases are brought to notice, they will be dealt with properly."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" In view of the fact that Malayalees belong to a separate nationality, will the Government declare Malabar as a separate zone?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The West Coast is a separate zone, i.e., Malabar and South Kanara districts."

SRI VAVILALA GO ALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అయ్యా, Scheduled Classes కు medical college admissions విషయంలో reservation ఉన్న దాండి ?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

Industrial and Technical Training Schools in the State.

* 48 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) how many Industrial and Technical Training Schools there are in the State; and

(b) what percentage of the seats in the Industrial and Technical Training Schools in the State has been reserved for Harijans?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Ninety.

" (b) There are fifteen Government institutions. Out of these, in Polytechnics which number eight, 15 per cent of the seats are reserved for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes which includes Harijans also. Some of the institutions in the State, aided by Government, such as Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya, Madras, Gokulam Cottage Industrial School, Madras, Harijan Industrial Schools at Kancheepuram and Bhimavaram, Sri Krishnashramam Industrial School, Guntur, etc., are mainly intended for Harijan students and the question of reservation of seats for Harijans in these institutions does not therefore arise. In the remaining schools there is no reservation."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" What is the percentage of the reservation?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Fifteen per cent."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Is any special consideration shown to those traditionally professional classes in the villages in the selection?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the Government Order which applies to all colleges applies to the polytechnics as well. A maximum of 50 marks is given for extra-curricular activities, sport, etc., and in regard to those who